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reference to nurses and students. Its forty odd pages contain matter sufficient for all practical purposes of examining and testing, besides copious notes on the modifications due to natural causes or to disease.

**STATE REGISTRATION FOR NURSES.** By Louie Croft Boyd, R.N., Graduate Colorado Training School for Nurses, connected with City and County Hospital, Denver, Colorado; Post-Graduate Presbyterian Hospital, Chicago, Illinois; Member Colorado State Board of Nurse Examiners, 1905-1909; Certificate of Hospital Economics, Teachers' College, Brooklyn, N.Y., 1908-1909. Price, 50 cents. W. B. Saunders Company, Philadelphia and London.

The author and compiler of this volume has given in tabulated form a summary of the laws governing the registration of nurses in the United States; with a comparison of differences obtaining in the several States which have so far legislated. The title "Registered Nurse" with the abbreviation R.N. is universally allowed. There is no State which recognizes the right of a nurse to register unless she has had two years' training. Seven of the States require three years' training.

**AIDS TO MIDWIVES.** By Rebecca Emily Réney, Diplômée Q.C.H., L.O.S., C.M.B. 1 shilling. Scientific Press, Ltd., London.

This small book of thirty odd pages gives a concise description of the bony pelvis, the principal conjugate diameters of the pelvis, the signs and symptoms of pregnancy, the management of normal labor—as well as of complicated, and accompanied by accident, hemorrhage, etc., management of the patient and care of the child are given as the rule of Queen Charlotte's Hospital, London, requires its graduates to practise.

**OPEN AIR CRUSADERS.** Edited by Sherman S. Kingsley, General Superintendent of the United Charities of Chicago. Published by United Charities of Chicago, 51 La Salle Street, Chicago.

This book, besides giving a general account of open-air school work in Chicago, is in itself a special report of the "Elizabeth McCormick Open Air School," an institution conducted by the United Charities of Chicago, the expenses of maintenance, equipment, etc., being met by a grant to the Society from the Trustees of the Elizabeth McCormick Memorial Fund, a foundation in honor of the child to whose memory the book is dedicated.

If one may judge from the illustrations, and particularly the colored coverplate, the youngsters who go to this school find it small hardship

to attend regularly. The costume for girls and boys alike consists of heavy blanket Eskimo suits worn over ordinary clothing. It is made in two parts, trousers which are tucked into big lumberman's boots and a tunic, with a peaked hood attached, which is worn over the head or thrown off at will. The school has been in operation over a year, and among some of the results that it claims for the thirty children in attendance, are: an average gain of four pounds in weight; teeth put in order and kept clean; adenoids removed; daily bath; stated times for rest strictly kept; besides an attendance of wonderful regularity. Some of the children came four miles to this novel school. The teacher and the school equipment are furnished by the Board of Education. Applicants are chosen by the following diagnostic points:

1. Family history (63 per cent. of the children had a case of positive tuberculosis in their immediate family).
2. General type of body and state of nutrition.
3. Fever.
4. Cough.
5. Dulness, or breath changes.
6. Pirquet test.
7. Absence of tubercular germs in sputum or throat swabbing.

Beside being under the care of physician and nurse, while at the school, the children are followed up at home, and with the co-operation of parents the regimen is carried on throughout the twenty-four hours. So enthusiastic are the children that when Christmas vacation came round they begged the teacher to continue school through the holiday.

The book is well worth the consideration of those interested in either of those two vexing questions, the prevention of tuberculosis, and the development of the backward child. The book is free to the public. Copies may be obtained by applying to the United Charities of Chicago, 51 La Salle Street, Chicago, Illinois.